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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**LETTER REGARDING  
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
PURSUANT TO 37 CFR §1.97(i)**

Sir:

As requested in our telephone conversation, attached hereto is a copy of the Information Disclosure Statement as filed on October 27, 2005 in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98. Pursuant to Rule 56, with at Form PTO 1449 listing the references to be considered.

A Notice of Allowance was issued in this case on February 28, 2007 and the issue fee has not yet been paid in this case.

It would be appreciated if you would initial the PTO-1449 and make the document of record so the issue fee can be timely paid on or before May 29, 2007.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for this Information Disclosure Statement, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 1232-5078.

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Filed: July 2, 2003

For: **IMAGE SENSING APPARATUS AND METHOD, PROGRAM, AND  
STORAGE MEDIUM****INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**Mail Stop Amendment  
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Sir:

This Information Disclosure Statement is filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98. The items listed on Form PTO-1449, a copy of which is enclosed, are made of record to assist the Patent and Trademark Office in its examination of this application. The Examiner is respectfully requested to fully consider the items and to independently ascertain their teaching.

1. ☒ For each of the following items listed on the enclosed copy of Form PTO-1449 that is not in the English language, an English language translation of that item or a portion thereof or a concise explanation of the relevance of that item is enclosed:  
For JPA 07-203228; JPA 2001-346218; JPA 2002-152541, English abstracts are provided.
2. ☐ For each of the following items listed on the enclosed copy of Form PTO-1449 that is not in the English language, a concise explanation of the relevance of that item is incorporated in the specification of the above-identified application.
3. ☐ Any copy of the items listed on the enclosed copy of Form PTO-1449 that is not enclosed with this Information Disclosure Statement was previously cited by or submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office in application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_.
4. ☒ No fee is due under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) for this Information Disclosure Statement since it is being filed in compliance with:  
☐ 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(1), within three months of the filing date of a national application other than a CPA; or

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- ☐ 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(2), within three months of the date of entry into the national stage as set forth in §1.491 in an international application; or
- ☒ 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), before the mailing date of a first Office action on the merits; or
- ☐ 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(4) before the mailing date of a first office action after the filing of an RCE under §1.114.
5. ☐ No fee is due under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) for this Information Disclosure Statement since it is being filed in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c), after the period specified in paragraph 4 above but before the mailing date of a final action or a Notice of Allowance (where there has been no prior final action), and is accompanied by one of the certifications pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e) set forth in paragraph 9 below.
6. ☐ A fee is due under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) for this Information Disclosure Statement since it is being filed in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c), after the period specified in paragraph 4 above but before the mailing date of a final action or a notice of allowance (where there has been no prior final action):
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$180.00 is enclosed in payment of the fee.
- ☐ Charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. \_\_\_\_\_. A DUPLICATE COPY OF THIS SHEET IS ATTACHED.
7. ☐ A fee is due under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) for this Information Disclosure Statement since it is being filed in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(d), after the mailing date of a final action or a notice of allowance, whichever comes first, but before payment of the issue fee, and is accompanied by:
- a. one of the certifications pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e) set forth in paragraph 9 below; and
- b. the fee due under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) which is paid as set forth in paragraph 11 below.
8. ☐ This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed in compliance with:
- a. ☐ 37 C.F.R. §1.313(b)(3) or §1.313(c)(1), after the issue fee has been paid and information cited in this Information Disclosure Statement may render at least one claim unpatentable and is accompanied by the attached Petition To Withdraw Application From Issue and fee pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.17(h);
- b. ☐ 37 C.F.R. §1.313(c)(2) or §1.313(c)(3), after the issue fee has been paid and information cited in this Information Disclosure Statement is to be considered in a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) or a Continuation application upon abandonment of the instant application and is accompanied by the attached Petition To Withdraw Application From Issue and fee pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.17(h).
- c. ☐ The fee due under 37 C.F.R. §§1.17(h) is paid as set forth in paragraph 11 below.

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9. ☒ I hereby certify that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.
- ☐ I hereby certify that no item of information in the Information Disclosure Statement filed herewith was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application or, to my knowledge after making reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual designated in §1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.
10. ☒ This document is accompanied by ☐ a Search Report ☒ Communication which was cited in a corresponding ☐ PCT or ☒ Foreign counterpart application
11. ☐ A check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed in payment of the fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§1.17(h) and 1.17(p).
- ☐ Charge the fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§1.17(h) and 1.17(p) to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. \_\_\_\_\_. A DUPLICATE COPY OF THIS SHEET IS ATTACHED.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for this Information Disclosure Statement, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 1232-5078. A DUPLICATE COPY OF THIS SHEET IS ATTACHED.

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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS						
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	07-203228	08/04/1995	JAPAN			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	2001-346218	12/14/2001	JAPAN			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Papers, etc.)	
	Patent Abstracts of Japan for 07-203228
	Patent Abstracts of Japan for 2001-346218
	Patent Abstracts of Japan for 2002-152541
	Japanese Office Action dated August 12, 2005 of corresponding Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-195787

Examiner	Date Considered
<b>EXAMINER:</b> Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP §609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to Applicant.	

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